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Chain Emphasis is a Success

On January 10 and 11, 2007 Commercial Vehicle Division officers, in conjunction with troopers from the Vancouver and Goldendale detachments, conducted a two-day traction device emphasis on commercial vehicles. The emphasis was conducted on Highway 97 at Satus Pass from milepost 23 to 32. The following recaps activity for the two days:

43 commercial vehicles drivers were contacted.

29 CVSA inspections were conducted.

37 drivers were cited for failing to obey traction equipment requirements resulting in approximately \$18,000 in fines.

6 drivers were given warnings for failing to use the proper amount of traction devices.

8 passenger vehicles were assisted with problems resulting from the inclement weather.

During the two-day emphasis, there were no collisions or road closures involving commercial motor vehicles.

RCW 47.36.250 states that all commercial vehicles must use traction devices when required.

RCW 46.37.005 states that you must carry chains/traction devices when required.

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